Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1 (previously presented):   An image verification apparatus comprising:

a verification unit which verifies whether a digital image included in an image file has been altered; and

a display form change unit which changes a display form of additional information included in the image file if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered,

wherein said display form change unit avoids displaying the additional information if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered, and

wherein the additional information includes a thrumnail image of the digital image.

2 (canceled):

3 (currently amended):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display form change unit displays ~~a predetermined sign with the additional information~~ information indicating that the digital image has been altered, if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered.

4 (previously presented):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.

5 (previously presented):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.

6 (previously presented):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit verifies whether the digital image has been altered, using a common key of common key cryptography.

7 (previously presented):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit verifies whether the digital image has been altered, using a public key of public key cryptography.

8 (previously presented):   A method of displaying additional information included in an image file, said method comprising the steps of:

verifying whether a digital image included in the image file has been altered;

changing a display form of the additional information included in the image file if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered; and

avoiding displaying the additional information if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered,

whererin the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.

9 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:

avoiding displaying the additional information if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

10 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:

displaying ~~a predetermined sign with the additional information~~ information indicating that the digital image has been altered, if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

11 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.

12 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.

13 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, wherein a common key of common key cryptography is used in said verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

14 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein a public key of public key cryptography is used <u>in said verifying step</u> to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

15-18 (canceled).

19 (new): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.

20(new): The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.

21(new): A computer-readable medium that stores a program causing a computer to perform a method of displaying additional information included in an image file, the method comprising the steps of:

verifying whether a digital image included in the image file has been altered; and

avoiding displaying the additional information if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered,

wherein the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.

22(new): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, the method further comprising the step of:

displaying information indicating that the digital image has been altered, if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

23(new): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.

24(new): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.

25(**new**): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein a common key of common key cryptography is used in said verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

26(**new**): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein a public key of public key cryptography is used in said verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

27(**new**): The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.

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